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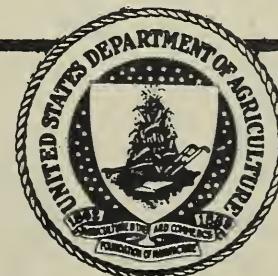
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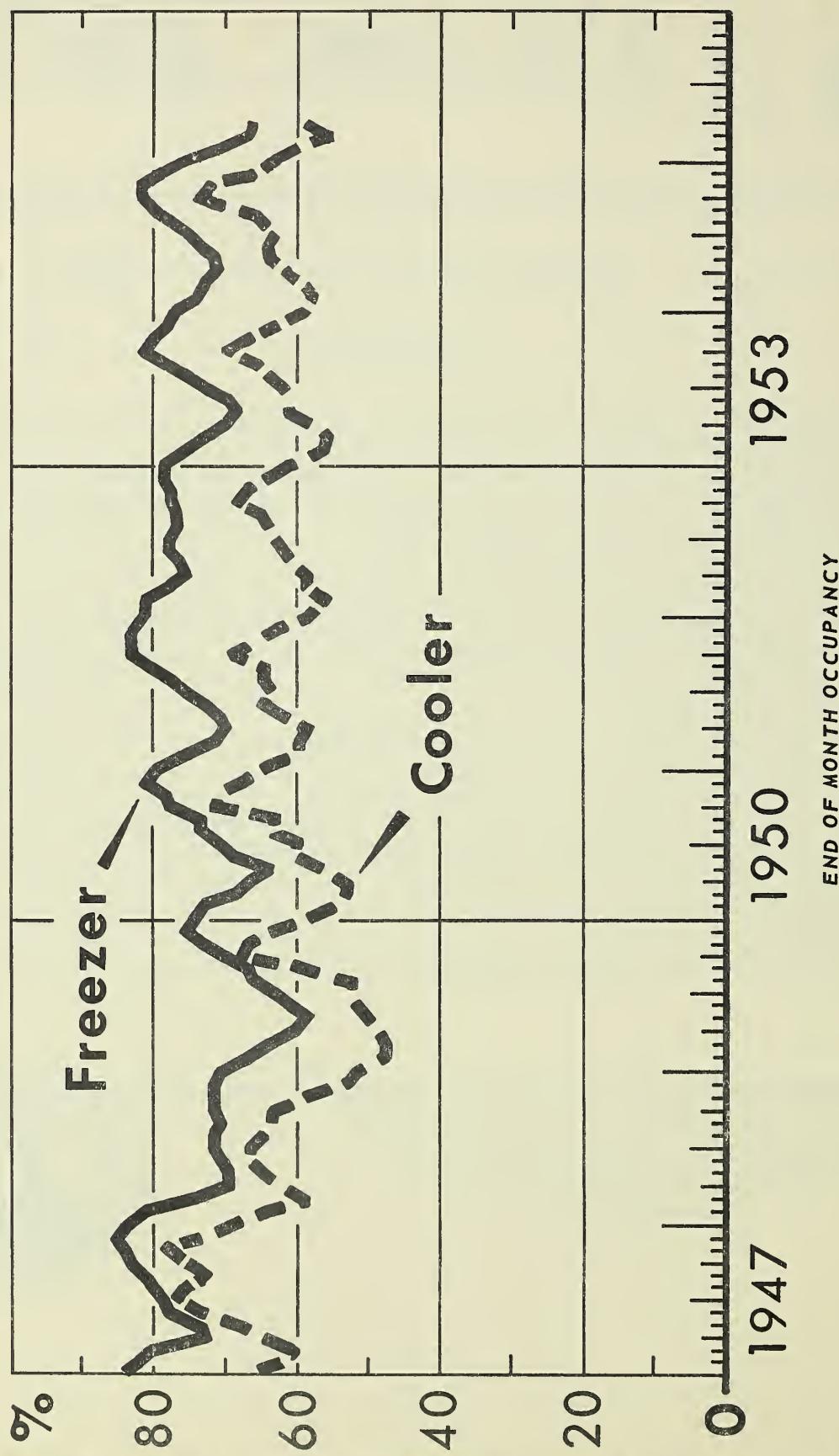
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PERCENTAGE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES



END OF MONTH OCCUPANCY

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Analysis of holdings and space April 30, 1955

Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All April 30 figures are preliminary.⁷

Commodity summary

For the second consecutive month, creamery butter stocks decreased contraseasonally. April 30 stocks of creamery butter were down to 293 million pounds as compared with 311 million a month earlier, according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. The 1950-54 average change during April is an increase of 13 million pounds. In April 1954, butter stocks increased 29 million pounds to total 376 million by the end of the month. A net gain in storage stocks of shell eggs amounting to 698,000 cases brought the total to almost 1.2 million cases by April 30. For April last year, a net increase of 286,000 cases raised national stocks to 728,000 cases. American cheese holdings totaled 466 million pounds on April 30, a net gain of about 3 million pounds from the month before. Current stocks compare with 461 million a year earlier and 226 million pounds, the 5-year average for April 30. The April seasonal decline brought fresh apple stocks down to 4 million bushels; last April slightly more than 3 million bushels were in storage. Frozen fruit stocks fell off by 46 million--the average decline is 38--to total 222 million pounds on April 30. Seasonal net reductions also lowered national holdings of frozen vegetables to 422 million pounds. By comparison, this time last year, over 469 million pounds were in storage. Holdings of poultry at 128 million pounds were down about one-third from last April and about one-fourth less than average. April 30 red meat stocks at 823 million pounds also were under average but were 17 percent larger than those of April. Orange concentrate stocks were increased by 6 million gallons during April to reach 32 million by the end of the month. This increase was equal to the April 1954 change at which time national stocks totaled 31 million gallons.

Storage occupancy

By April 30, cooler occupancy gained one point over the previous month's level. The 59 percent compares with 58 on March 31 and 61 percent this time last year. The average for April 30 is 58 percent. In some sections, however, cooler occupancy continued to decline. This was so in the Middle Atlantic, East North Central, and Pacific regions. All areas except the South Atlantic indicated a falling off of freezer occupancy. Utilization by April 30 was down to 66 percent as compared with 68 the previous month. Last April, freezer occupancy was as high as 72 percent while the 5-year April 30 average is 71 percent.

General commodity movement

Cooler product weights were down 11 percent since March 31. On that date, 1.6 billion pounds were on hand as compared with 1.4 billion on April 30. For such products as dried and evaporated fruits and nuts, cheese, other dairy products, shell and dried eggs, plus selected meat items, stocks were increased during April, but the net withdrawals of fresh fruits and vegetables, beef and pork exceeded the net storage gains. In freezer space, too, product weights decreased. Here, however, the decrease was quite small as net gains in stocks of cream, eggs, juices, and some meats almost equaled the decreases reported in stocks of butter, poultry, fruits, vegetables, and meats.

Fruits, vegetables and juices

The April seasonal decline in frozen fruit stocks was 46 million pounds as compared with 43 million a year earlier; 38 million is the 5-year average decrease during April. Current stocks, at 222 million pounds, were about 6 percent above those reported last April, and 22 percent above average. During April, stocks of all

fruit items fell off. Notably among these were 18 million pounds of strawberries, leaving 41 million in storage as compared with 52 million last April; 7 million pounds of cherries which left 29 million whereas a year earlier stocks totaled approximately 30 million. Fresh fruit stocks of apples and pears also declined seasonally. April 30 holdings of apples were down to 4 million bushels or about average for this time of year. Pear holdings totaled 122,000 bushels which compares with the April 30 average of 104,000. Frozen vegetable stocks were down seasonally but not by as much as last April. At that time, the net disappearance was 43 million pounds as compared with 35 million this year. Total frozen vegetable holdings, at 422 million pounds, were about 10 percent under the record April 30 stocks reported last year. Yet, April 30, 1955, stocks for the following vegetable items were at record levels for this date: lima beans, 65 million; snap beans, 43 million; brussels sprouts, 21 million; and corn, 55 million. However, stocks of all vegetable items were smaller on April 30 than the month before except for spinach. The latter increased 19 million pounds to 37 million. Frozen peas totaled 47 million pounds, a net reduction of 16 million pounds since March 31. Current stocks were the second lowest since 1946. Orange concentrate stocks gained about 6 million gallons since March 31. The 32 million gallons in storage compares with 18 million, the April 30 average, and 31 million reported last April.

Poultry and dairy products

Storage holdings of frozen poultry were reduced by 34 million pounds during April to 128 million pounds by the end of the month. These stocks were the second lowest for this date since 1945. Last April, poultry stocks (185 million) were the second largest for the date since 1947. Notably among the reduction in poultry stocks was the change in turkey holdings. Current stocks at 71 million pounds compare with 79 million last April and the average of 75 million. Only 5 months ago, November 30, turkey stocks were the second largest on record. Shell egg holdings were up to almost 1.2 million cases by April 30, a gain of 698,000 cases over the previous month. In 1953 and 1954, stocks of at least one million cases were not reached until May 30. Frozen egg stocks increased seasonally to 125 million pounds. The April gain of 41 million pounds compares with 45 million last April at which time total holdings were 136 million. The average April gain is 38 million while average holdings are 122 million. Creamery butter stocks declined contraseasonally to 293 million pounds. These stocks were still double the average April 30 stocks but were about 20 percent under stocks reported a year earlier. American cheese holdings increased 3 million pounds during April to total 466 million by the end of the month. Current stocks were twice the April average and one percent larger than on April 30, 1954.

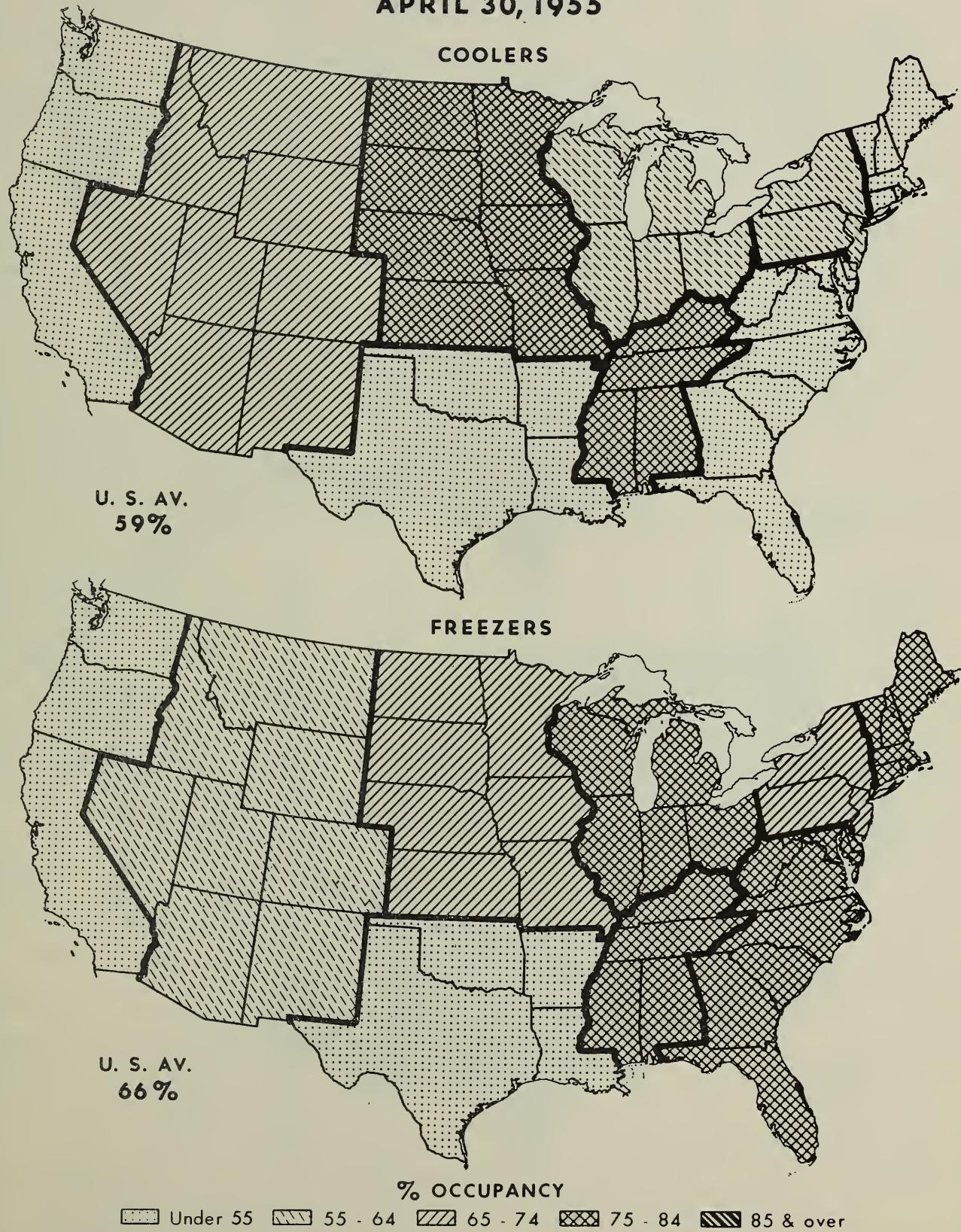
Meat and meat products

Refrigerated stocks of red meats declined seasonally during April to 823 million pounds. A year earlier, holdings totaled 706 million while 901 million is average for April 30. Beef holdings were down to 131 million pounds; pork, down to 542 million; but other meats were up slightly to 150 million pounds. Frozen pork totaled almost 400 million pounds, practically unchanged from the month before. Last April, stocks totaled 288 million pounds while 393 million is average. Dry salt pork stocks at 38 million pounds compares with 37 million a year earlier; the 103 million pounds of sweet pickled pork compares with 96 million reported last April.

Storage outlook

The seasonal rise in cooler occupancy during April is expected to continue into May. By the end of the month, cooler space utilization may be 2 to 3 points higher. Freezer occupancy, on the other hand, may level off during May or decline slightly.

PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES
 (APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)
PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED
APRIL 30, 1955

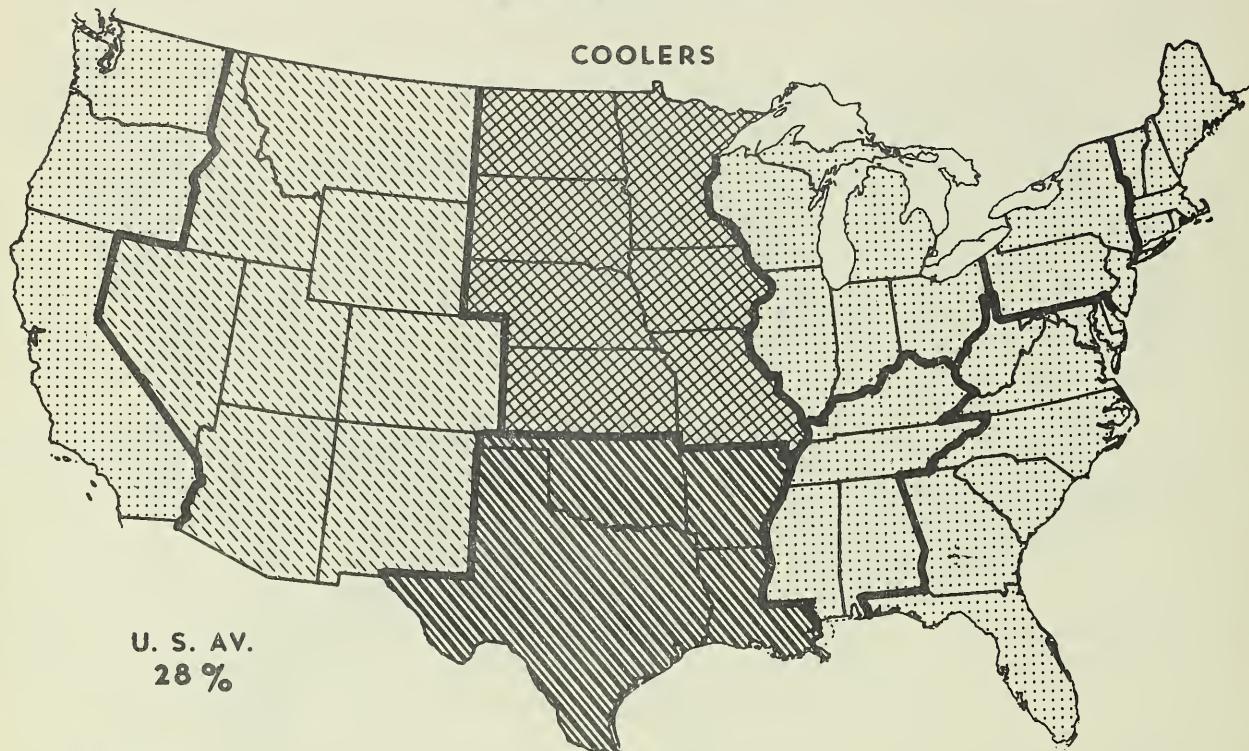


COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN PUBLIC

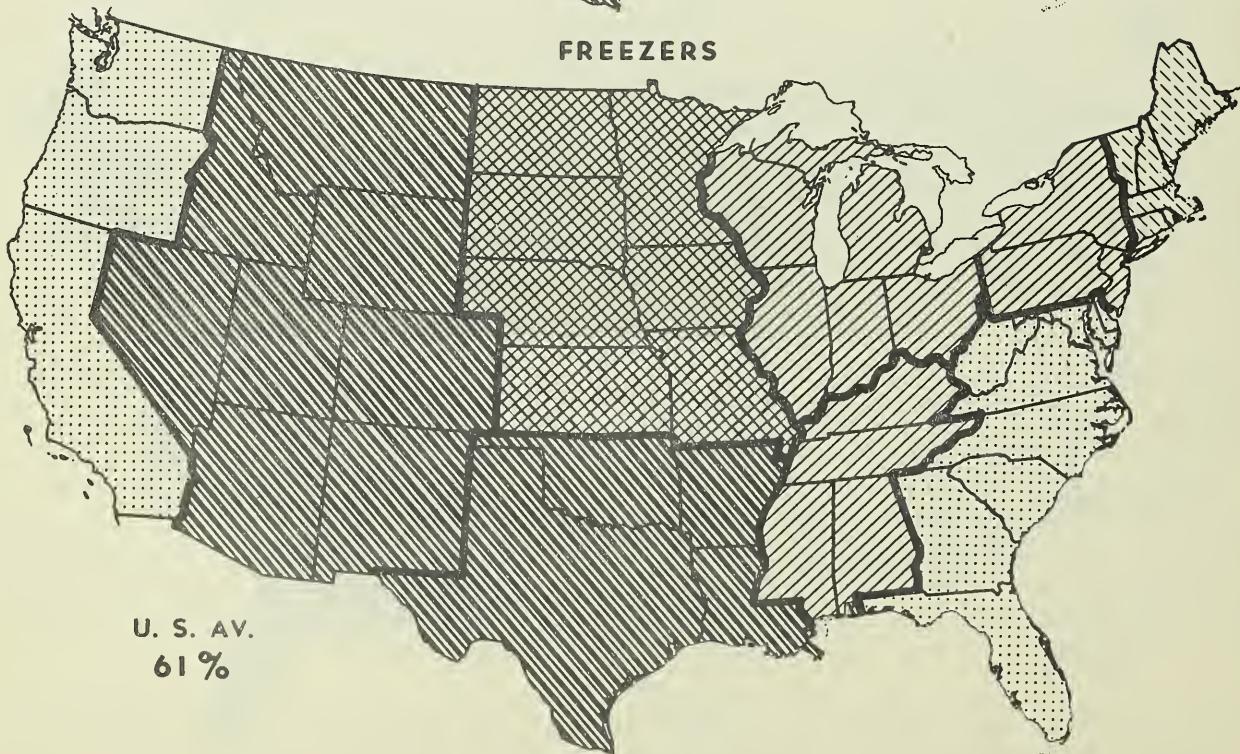
PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

APRIL 30, 1955

COOLERS



FREEZERS



% OCCUPANCY

Under 55	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85 & over
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TABLE 1. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	New piling space reported (1) April 1955		Percentage of net piling space occupied									
			April 1950-54 av.		April 1954		March 1955		April 1955 (2)			
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Massachusetts	445	1,486	50	69	54	59	61	62	64	65	64	65
R. I. and Connecticut	2,310	6,921	40	72	46	85	43	85	50	85	50	85
New England	278	801	45	66	36	63	30	65	64	67	64	67
	3,033	8,308	42	70	46	78	44	79	51	76		
New York.	19,232	18,430	48	61	49	64	54	65	52	62		
New Jersey.	5,065	10,842	61	74	58	78	67	60	70	66		
Pennsylvania.	5,130	8,336	51	78	63	86	60	79	57	76		
Middle Atlantic	29,427	37,608	51	68	53	73	57	67	56	66		
Ohio	3,493	6,406	55	75	61	84	52	78	54	77		
Indiana	708	2,050	64	81	72	76	75	76	72	76		
Illinois.	14,245	14,716	68	79	70	88	65	85	61	82		
Michigan.	3,971	4,383	67	80	63	85	54	78	55	76		
Wisconsin	5,079	2,376	70	74	75	80	61	72	65	73		
East North Central.	27,496	29,941	66	79	69	85	61	81	60	79		
Minnesota	1,129	4,690	74	86	82	89	71	82	84	84		
Iowa	391	2,418	69	82	59	84	87	77	89	85		
Missouri	4,306	7,815	73	83	85	80	68	77	69	76		
Dakotas and Nebraska.	860	4,299	64	82	65	79	86	73	91	71		
Kansas.	7,098	5,529	65	81	78	80	71	45	85	42		
West North Central.	13,784	24,751	69	84	79	82	72	70	81	70		
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,367	5,288	70	68	71	59	60	65	68	60		
Virginia and West Va.	5,972	3,040	44	72	41	61	42	70	43	70		
North and South Carolina.	274	354	68	84	52	69	50	83	45	85		
Georgia	3,464	1,989	81	89	90	80	69	81	62	77		
Florida	1,195	7,291	67	73	77	63	62	80	69	90		
South Atlantic.	12,272	17,962	60	74	62	63	53	74	54	76		
Kentucky.	3/	3/	62	78	83	73	80	74	3/	3/		
Tennessee	2,298	3,575	71	78	78	72	75	78	79	75		
Alabama and Mississippi	854	1,047	68	88	66	85	77	84	80	81		
East South Central.	3,152	4,622	69	80	76	74	76	79	80	77		
Arkansas	256	276	51	64	48	60	54	56	52	64		
Louisiana	1,008	1,625	78	75	85	83	68	79	68	52		
Oklahoma	605	1,252	64	84	69	90	47	77	44	74		
Texas	6,094	5,445	60	56	61	48	51	50	51	49		
West South Central.	7,963	9,598	62	61	64	58	53	57	53	54		
Mountain	1,467	4,484	71	72	70	67	63	70	67	64		
Washington.	2,071	7,371	44	41	46	37	35	36	34	28		
Oregon	1,783	6,325	45	34	30	29	39	36	34	25		
California	13,813	23,169	51	74	48	70	53	60	50	59		
Pacific	17,667	36,865	50	59	46	56	50	51	47	47		
United States (4)	116,261	174,139	58	71	61	72	58	68	59	66		

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1955.

(2) Preliminary.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 2. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in private and semiprivate general refrigerated warehouses

Region	Net piling space (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			April 1953		April 1954		April 1955		April 1953	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England	72	215	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	55
Middle Atlantic	1,959	1,301	39	70	41	63	54	71		
East North Central	3,354	5,331	64	61	42	49	62	64		
West North Central	445	2,886	61	69	50	48	85	74		
South Atlantic	736	7,731	31	55	28	66	11	46		
East South Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
West South Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mountain	172	176	82	-	98	92	77	97		
Pacific	1,961	6,873	44	32	57	44	54	39		
United States (2)	8,699	24,513	53	52	48	52	55	53		

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1955.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 3. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in meat-packing plants

Region	Net piling space (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			April 1953		April 1954		April 1955		April 1953	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middle Atlantic	647	346	89	69	55	55	57	71		
East North Central	6,048	1,402	83	77	82	83	69	71		
West North Central	7,602	6,114	35	68	86	80	79	81		
South Atlantic	642	154	73	74	99	100	97	100		
East South Central	128	53	100	100	-	-	100	100		
West South Central	763	442	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Mountain	333	138	100	100	100	100	84	94		
Pacific	1,029	500	100	100	94	94	86	89		
United States (2)	17,192	9,149	47	71	85	81	77	81		

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1955.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 4.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,221	462	472	24	2/	2/	7	963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	{57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C.....	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia.....	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina.....	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi.....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	{540	{52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972			2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	100	103	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	{352	{1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936			831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

Table 5. -- Net changes in storage holdings during April (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Apr. 30, 1955	April net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Apr. 30, 1955	April net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
		1,000 pounds				1,000 pounds	
Apples.....	198,192	-175,872	47	Cream.....	7,705	3,383	78
Pears.....	6,100	-13,200	68	Butter, creamery.....	293,156	-18,306	6
Other fresh fruits.....	5,020	-1,893	27	Eggs.....	124,534	40,862	49
Fresh vegetables..	99,487	-15,070	13	Poultry.....	128,271	-34,201	21
Dried & evap. fts.	37,775	3,413	10	Fruits.....	222,172	-46,044	17
Nuts & nut meats..	98,619	4,372	5	Juices.....	445,222	58,496	15
Cheese.....	499,527	6,094	1	Vegetables.....	422,162	-34,833	8
Other dairy prod..	8,969	4,452	99	Beef.....	124,067	-10,704	8
Shell eggs.....	52,965	31,410	146	Veal.....	11,729	-777	6
Dried eggs.....	2,450	594	32	Pork.....	437,790	-283	-
Beef.....	7,040	-32	-	Lamb and mutton..	9,715	626	7
Pork.....	103,896	-1,560	1	Edible offal.....	54,435	-153	-
Sausage.....	8,774	51	1	Sausage.....	5,613	-321	5
Canned meats.....	60,073	1,406	2	Miscellaneous....	183,762	2,170	1
Miscellaneous.....	246,601	-12,827	5				
Total.....	1,435,488	-168,662	11	Total.....	2,470,333	-40,085	2

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES

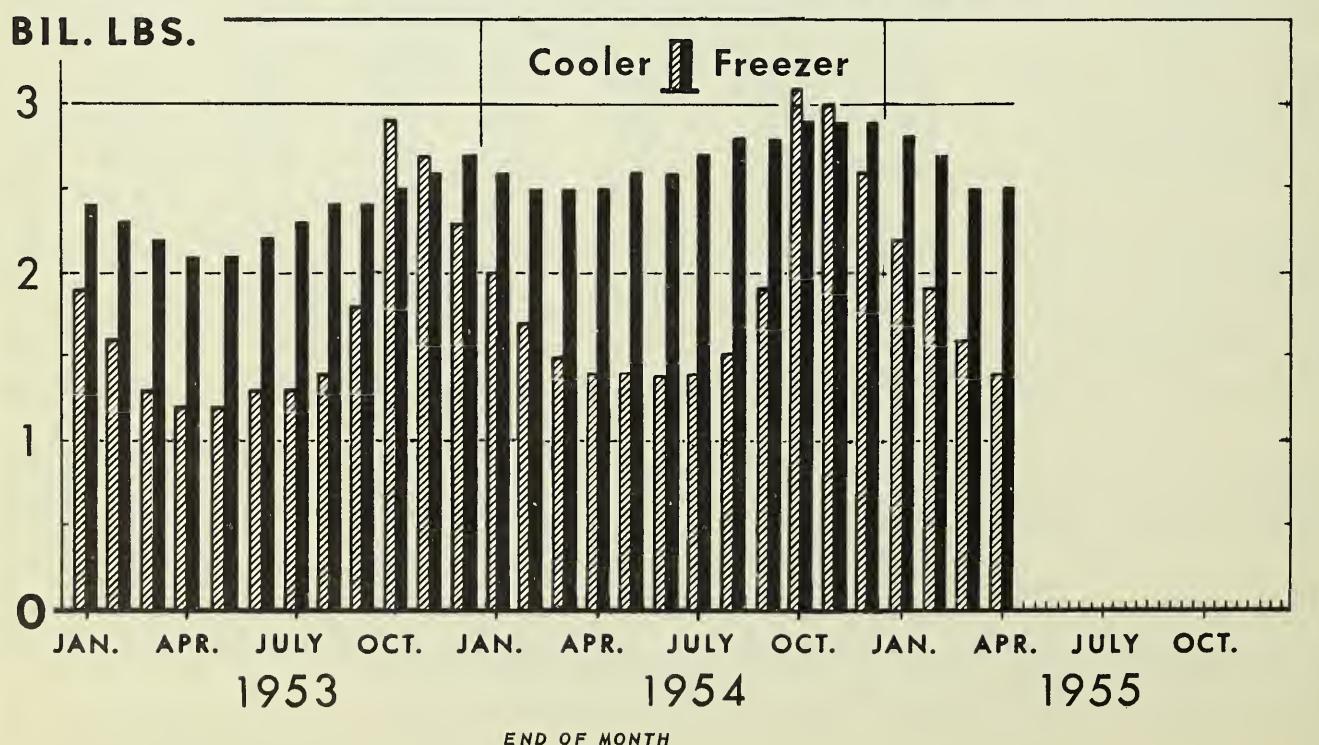


TABLE 6. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied									
			March 1954		April 1954		March 1955		April 1955			
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England:												
Boston	1,480	4,089	28	87	35	85	41	89	54	88		
Middle Atlantic:												
New York	5,421	8,731	71	77	77	75	76	74	82	71		
Buffalo	606	2,000	72	52	83	50	82	69	97	66		
Rochester	5,822	2,335	36	42	30	36	39	47	32	42		
Philadelphia	1,143	4,383	65	87	64	84	72	76	78	69		
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	84	89	88	87	54	85	60	83		
Jersey City	4,580	7,234	56	79	60	84	69	67	73	76		
E. N. Central:												
Cleveland	2,077	2,631	56	86	64	83	51	78	52	73		
Cincinnati	3/	3/	43	86	42	87	49	76	3/	3/		
Chicago	10,862	12,301	66	88	70	88	61	84	72	81		
Detroit	3,363	3,827	61	86	68	88	63	81	60	80		
Milwaukee	717	1,727	83	85	84	85	58	76	58	74		
W. N. Central:												
Minneapolis	814	2,555	75	86	79	88	75	78	89	82		
St. Louis	1,899	3,544	87	79	85	84	68	88	69	88		
Kansas City	1,753	5,062	70	71	82	78	49	47	52	43		
South Atlantic:												
Baltimore & D.C. . . .	1,273	5,056	58	65	71	59	60	67	71	60		
Richmond	1,034	627	50	70	54	73	54	68	55	67		
Norfolk	1,167	1,081	68	68	69	67	82	65	81	67		
E. S. Central:												
Nashville	1,200	1,648	75	77	82	84	82	80	85	79		
Memphis	339	1,348	69	66	74	62	75	75	86	71		
W. S. Central:												
New Orleans	879	707	79	83	84	85	65	74	65	72		
Dallas-Ft. Worth	4,337	4,890	53	38	55	42	51	45	51	46		
Pacific:												
Seattle	1,094	2,054	50	58	50	52	50	49	47	40		
Tacoma	353	1,984	18	42	16	29	12	29	13	17		
Portland	504	3,511	46	42	52	34	60	36	68	30		
Los Angeles	3,169	6,614	65	74	64	73	67	69	62	69		
San Francisco	3,413	4,011	56	87	57	82	72	70	69	67		
San Jose	2,400	3,819	16	66	11	66	25	46	23	43		
Modesto	964	2,342	71	74	57	69	63	60	55	60		

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1955.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

Table 7. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in apple houses

Regions	Net piling space (1)		Space occupied					
			April 1953		April 1954		April 1955	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	2,225	-	10	-	3	-	5	-
Middle Atlantic....	13,774	536	18	61	21	27	20	82
East North Central..	2,976	4	15	-	14	-	16	25
West North Central..	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-
South Atlantic.....	9,153	58	16	57	16	53	13	52
East South Central and West South Central..	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	-
Mountain.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	45,913	99	15	20	10	7	13	55
United States (2).	74,041	697	16	45	13	28	14	75

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1955.

(2) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 8. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

States	April 1950-54 av.	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut....	91	38	339	115
New York.....	472	264	1,354	636
New Jersey.....	158	81	213	117
Pennsylvania.....	92	50	180	72
Ohio.....	75	61	81	59
Illinois.....	169	103	140	106
Michigan.....	124	78	248	138
Missouri.....	35	28	40	30
Kansas.....	5	2	11	8
Virginia.....	313	114	573	189
West Virginia.....	48	37	91	17
Washington.....	1,747	1,849	3,568	2,041
Oregon.....	97	2	92	17
California.....	408	439	669	479
Other States (1).....	169	121	194	105
United States.....	4,003	3,267	7,793	4,129

(1) Holdings for States having significant quantities of apples are given above. Other holdings shown under "Other States."

TABLE 9. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Decreased by 4 million bushels; April 1954 decrease was 3 million bushels; average April decrease was 4 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 264 thousand bushels; April 1954 decrease was 191 thousand bushels; average April decrease was 129 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	April	April	March	April
		1950-54 av.	1954	1955	1955
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard box	2,356	2,451	4,410	2,618
Western	Bushel (2)	111	17	103	56
Eastern	Bushel basket	674	335	1,128	536
Eastern	Bushel (2)	862	464	2,152	919
Total	Bushel	4,003	3,267	7,793	4,129
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Packed box	4	-	1	-
Bartletts	Loose box	-	-	1	-
Other varieties	Box	93	72	383	121
Other varieties	Bushel basket	7	-	1	1
Total	Bushel	104	72	386	122
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(3)	3,629	3,709	212
Other fresh fruits . . .	do.	7,524	6,106	3,204	4,808
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	41,816	35,625	34,362	37,775
Onions	do.	15,669	18,149	39,204	22,363
Celery	do.	686	1,057	147	190
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	79,576	59,567	75,206	76,934
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	44,791	48,051	41,531	37,712
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	33,948	33,998	23,770	30,651
Peanuts, in shell . . .	do.	1,764	817	2,597	3,369
Other nuts, in shell . .	do.	44,601	80,014	26,349	26,887

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Other containers in terms of bushel equivalents.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 10-- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
April 30, 1955

State	Cream		American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry	
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
Massachusetts	76		3,612	1,271	17	1,331	4,905
Other States			857	60	5	723	1,153
New England.			4,469	1,331	22	2,054	5,158
New York	3,781	804	37,761	72,687	47	8,670	14,990
New Jersey.	86		16,717	12,916	100	5,786	5,066
Pennsylvania.	1,174	108	11,599	20,497	28	3,709	10,411
Middle Atlantic.			66,077	106,100	175	18,165	30,467
Ohio.	249		10,746	12,756	31	3,270	3,916
Indiana.			2,845	2,417	3	3,123	646
Illinois.	73		91,659	45,943	513	16,392	17,633
Michigan.	164		13,455	9,647	18	975	2,500
Wisconsin.	29		5,067	121,874	5	580	1,157
East North Central			123,772	192,637	570	24,340	25,852
Minnesota.			24,593	2,597	41	2,343	3,829
Iowa.			11,705	1,489	24	9,858	900
Missouri.	83	15	12,898	46,512	44	22,105	5,082
Dakotas.			1,804	46	-	330	187
Nebraska.		32	4,324	3,157	67	8,846	7,436
Kansas.			2,637	24,601	30	10,875	1,334
West North Central			57,961	78,402	206	54,357	18,768
South Atlantic . . .			14,766	34,454	46	5,313	9,746
Kentucky.			289	6,162	17	2,157	916
Tennessee.			5,763	18,047	7	3,167	1,390
Ala. and Mississippi. .			495	3,510	1	238	897
East South Central			6,547	27,719	25	5,562	3,203
Arkansas and Louisiana			733	2,471	6	1,416	1,894
Oklahoma.			5,187	1,829	3	2,488	737
Texas	16	12	9,325	5,697	28	4,904	3,935
West South Central			15,245	9,997	37	8,808	6,566
Colorado.			1,348	1,271	13	449	1,980
Other States			185	2,178	8	195	3,775
Mountain			1,533	3,449	21	644	5,755
Washington.			797	1,007	8	886	1,539
Oregon			331	6,500	1	331	2,420
California.	268	18	1,658	4,534	66	4,074	18,797
Pacific.			2,786	12,041	75	5,291	22,756
Other States.	336	381					
United States.	6,367	1,338	293,156	466,130	1,177	124,534	128,271

TABLE 11.-- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Cream: Increased by 3 million pounds; April 1954 increase was 2 million pounds; average April increase was 4 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 18 million pounds; April 1954 change was an increase of 29 million pounds; average April change was an increase of 13 million pounds.

Cheese: Increased by 6 million pounds; April 1954 increase was 37 million pounds; average April increase was 20 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 698 thousand cases; April 1954 increase was 286 thousand cases; average April increase was 566 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Increased by 41 million pounds; April 1954 increase was 45 million pounds; average April increase was 38 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 34 million pounds; April 1954 decrease was 33 million pounds; average April decrease was 39 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	April	April	March	April
		1950-54 av.	1954	1955	1955
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	7,919	6,319	3,902	6,367
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	1,275	925	420	1,338
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	8,237	6,367	2,397	3,387
Evap. and Cond. milk (case goods)	do.	6,902	1,296	2,120	5,582
Butter, creamery	do.	135,442	375,584	311,462	293,156
Cheese:					
American Cheddar	do.	225,874	460,566	462,949	466,130
Swiss, including block	do.	7,148	9,928	9,773	10,266
All other varieties	do.	17,006	16,715	20,711	23,131
Total cheese.	do.	250,028	487,209	493,433	499,527
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	1,370	728	479	1,177
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	122,203	136,488	83,672	124,534
Whites.	do.	38,433	45,190	24,779	36,603
Yolks	do.	27,402	29,167	22,527	31,639
Whole or mixed.	do.	51,171	54,677	32,273	50,808
Unclassified	do.	5,197	7,454	4,093	5,484
Dried eggs. (egg solids)	do.	31,711	2,341	1,856	2,450
Total eggs (1).	Case	7,706	4,503	2,834	4,652
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers	Pound	4,015	5,000	3,182	2,788
Fryers	do.	13,898	16,728	9,148	7,166
Roasters.	do.	9,097	10,264	4,566	3,296
Fowls	do.	35,632	39,262	27,043	20,984
Turkeys	do.	75,359	79,312	92,538	71,159
Ducks	do.	2,734	4,118	3,272	4,032
Miscellaneous	do.	7,860	10,561	7,709	6,525
Unclassified	do.	18,260	19,498	15,014	12,321
Total poultry	do.	166,355	184,743	162,472	128,271

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 12. -- Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
February 28, 1955

Cooler commodities	Net weight	Freezer commodities	Net weight
			<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	110,832	Cream.....	3,486
Pears.....	8,450	Butter, creamery.....	280,076
Other fresh fruits.....	5,726	Eggs.....	58,495
Fresh vegetables.....	93,976	Poultry.....	192,163
Dried & evap. fruits.....	31,045	Fruits.....	240,945
Nuts & nut meats.....	63,703	Juices.....	194,896
Cheese.....	374,696	Vegetables.....	380,915
Other dairy products....	6,607	Beef.....	114,770
Shell eggs.....	11,160	Veal.....	9,416
Dried eggs.....	1,027	Pork.....	265,519
Beef.....	977	Lamb and mutton.....	4,418
Pork.....	3,791	Edible offal.....	23,894
Sausage.....	263	Sausage.....	3,517
Canned meats.....	25,272	Fish.....	125,835
Lard.....	14,698	Miscellaneous.....	60,500
Fish.....	9,677		
Miscellaneous.....	117,793		
		Total.....	1,958,845
Total.....	879,693		

Table 13. -- End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	April	April	March	April
		1950-54 av.	1954	1955	1955 2/
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	Lb.	115,355	350,488	280,442	252,988
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	86,669	338,905	318,560	291,545
Shell eggs.....	Case	115	79	14	27
Frozen eggs.....	Lb.	67	290	78	60
Poultry.....	do.	6,506	5,425	2,915	1,702
Pork.....	do.	(3)	13,877	9,973	8,721
Beef.....	do.	(3)	26,625	5,655	7,108

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 14. -- End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 46 million pounds; April 1954 decrease was 43 million pounds; average April decrease was 38 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 35 million pounds; April 1954 decrease was 43 million pounds; average April decrease was 33 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 6 million gallons; April 1954 increase was 6 million gallons; average April increase was 3 million gallons.

Commodity	April	April	March	April
	1950-54 av.	1954	1955	1955
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	25,406	26,072	38,118	36,673
Apricots	2,408	2,262	1,934	1,611
Blackberries	5,900	7,521	7,935	6,245
Blueberries.	10,146	9,262	20,103	17,413
Cherries	27,522	29,925	36,113	28,822
Grapes	8,833	4,974	9,214	7,933
Peaches	14,744	18,125	22,480	19,200
Plums and prunes	5,302	6,940	6,792	5,577
Raspberries.	14,826	18,361	25,586	21,211
Strawberries	40,022	51,543	58,625	40,791
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	5,505	7,159	8,610	6,880
All other fruits	21,590	28,187	32,706	29,816
Total	182,204	210,331	268,216	222,172
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice (1)	180,963	303,597	262,363	318,836
Gallons equivalent (2)	18,279	30,666	26,501	32,206
Other fruit juices and purees	69,914	128,878	124,363	126,386
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	5,867	9,577	7,743	7,423
Beans, lima	46,040	58,779	74,236	64,972
Beans, snap	27,605	37,002	48,867	42,527
Broccoli	30,638	44,765	29,363	26,359
Brussels sprouts	12,747	19,833	23,430	21,287
Cauliflower.	12,235	18,273	10,276	10,142
Corn, sweet	23,666	47,576	64,142	55,081
Peas, green.	59,640	68,995	63,000	46,520
Pumpkin and squash	6,922	8,166	6,614	5,669
Spinach.	38,152	44,743	17,982	37,424
All other vegetables	72,905	112,274	111,342	104,758
Total.	336,417	469,983	456,995	422,162

(1) Orange juice - single strength and concentrated. Includes stocks in packer and public warehouses.

(2) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

TABLE 15. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Beef: Decreased by 11 million pounds; April 1954 decrease was 26 million pounds; average April decrease was 18 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 2 million pounds; April 1954 change was an increase of 3 million pounds; average April change was a decrease of 5 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 1 million pounds; April 1954 change was a decrease of 3 million pounds; average April change was a decrease of 5 million pounds.

Commodity	April 1950-54 av.	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	150,668	137,571	133,364	122,755
In cure, cured and smoked	10,697	9,413	8,479	8,352
Total	161,365	146,984	141,843	131,107
Pork:				
Frozen	392,975	288,381	399,856	399,901
Dry salt, in cure and cured	46,542	36,622	38,550	38,495
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	156,309	95,914	105,123	103,290
Total	595,826	420,917	543,529	541,686
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	15,395	14,211	14,657	14,387
Frozen lamb and mutton	10,666	8,897	9,089	9,715
Frozen veal	11,416	13,018	12,506	11,729
Canned meats and meat products	51,644	54,898	58,667	60,073
All edible offal	55,128	47,423	54,588	54,435
Total	144,249	138,447	149,507	150,339
Total all meats	901,440	706,348	834,879	823,132
Hides and pelts	56,351	72,633	89,300	89,881

Table 16. — End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	April 1950-54 av.	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
Frozen fish:	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water).....	6,443	8,793	6,647	9,158
Salt-water:				
Fillets and steaks:				
Blocks and slabs.....	(2)	(2)	12,123	11,406
Cod.....	7,790	8,729	8,264	7,877
Flounder.....	1,839	1,719	1,779	1,699
Haddock.....	8,458	8,737	9,773	10,760
Halibut.....	(2)	(2)	1,712	1,555
Ocean perch.....	8,211	5,991	7,563	7,302
Pollock.....	1,203	1,100	454	308
Salmon.....	(2)	(2)	240	383
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly")...	949	622	615	451
Other fillets and steaks.....	3,614	6,504	3,326	3,562
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	(2)	(2)	4,943	5,827
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Halibut.....	4,299	3,325	6,612	5,061
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	749	491	995	624
Sablefish.....	1,736	1,065	1,820	1,268
Salmon:				
King or chinook.....	1,840	1,666	2,546	1,794
Silver or coho.....	1,578	995	1,580	1,326
Fall or chum.....	1,006	880	333	389
Unclassified.....	560	518	947	847
Smelt.....	1,397	1,364	1,689	1,945
Swordfish.....	1,809	1,917	1,920	1,934
Tuna.....	537	719	802	892
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	3,936	2,374	2,297	1,703
Other salt-water fish (except bait).....	16,053	17,894	15,320	13,354
Fresh-water:				
Fillets and steaks.....	463	256	665	506
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Chubs.....	250	586	511	637
Trout.....	528	669	978	1,019
Whitefish.....	1,165	1,173	1,842	1,624
Other fresh-water fish (except bait).....	3,042	4,103	2,643	4,821
Frozen shellfish:				
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	510	826	670	621
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,037	2,068	2,501	2,794
Oysters.....	428	582	599	636
Scallops.....	1,318	2,148	818	894
Shrimp.....	14,505	19,912	19,132	15,277
Squid.....	546	746	452	421
Other shellfish.....	1,379	1,856	2,366	2,170
Total frozen fish and shellfish...	100,178	110,328	127,477	122,845
Cured fish.....	17,661	14,297	12,147	12,661
Total all fish and shellfish.....	117,839	124,625	139,624	135,506

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) Data not published separately.

TABLE 17. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, April 30, 1955

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	11,555	8,271	1,267	10,639	966	269	292	1,854	36,673	
	do.	15	270	341	101	23	158	72	624	1,611	
	do.	84	1,471	829	1,119	208	494	40	1,912	6,245	
	do.	3,283	4,880	5,427	1,717	613	56	90	1,286	17,413	
Blackberries		356	13,412	7,546	2,180	582	228	474	1,106	2,938	28,822
Blueberries		4	3,293	4,081	121	9	32	5	14	374	7,933
Cherries		524	5,122	3,781	909	4,329	676	625	535	2,699	19,200
Grapes		45	2,101	1,811	108	48	74	51	21	1,318	5,577
Peaches		1,238	4,670	4,115	2,191	369	280	163	219	7,966	21,211
Plums and prunes		1,296	11,160	8,530	4,197	1,910	1,528	1,722	761	6,987	40,791
Raspberries		51	390	806	583	15	64	104	126	4,741	6,880
Strawberries		7,488	5,920	5,652	1,185	1,746	688	1,036	257	5,844	29,816
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.											
All other fruits											
Total		18,644	64,244	51,190	15,678	20,491	4,692	5,157	3,533	38,543	222,172
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)		23,398	18,642	7,117	243,089	2,201	3,618	1,852	13,957	318,836	
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	19,756	19,227	8,940	40,321	1,616	4,857	942	27,696	126,386	
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus		1,934	874	513	1,080	184	322	136	2,067	7,423	
Beans, Lima		11,955	5,360	4,379	11,707	1,375	1,137	4,256	23,648	64,972	
Beans, snap		14,480	4,298	2,259	4,887	1,417	739	550	12,088	42,527	
Broccoli		6,685	3,041	1,222	1,473	503	648	377	11,465	26,359	
Brussels sprouts		3,422	1,399	3,253	802	492	377	336	10,806	21,287	
Cauliflower		2,296	1,121	568	684	263	340	193	4,224	10,142	
Corn, sweet		11,208	6,690	10,204	2,807	576	1,019	2,198	19,013	55,081	
Peas, green		12,254	6,711	4,640	2,974	1,242	1,268	1,057	13,155	46,520	
Pumpkin and squash		323	1,784	939	962	325	139	73	222	902	5,669
Spinach		8,219	3,375	1,109	3,659	569	1,197	516	17,942	37,424	
All other vegetables		7,414	25,474	14,519	8,618	12,999	3,263	2,265	6,621	23,585	104,758
Total		18,205	99,711	48,327	37,727	43,397	10,023	9,415	16,462	138,895	422,162
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes		-	169	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	27
Other fresh fruits		2,270	756	228	303	265	106	-	628	212	
Dried and evaporated fruits		252	5,733	859	961	592	527	20	2,978	4,808	
Onions		692	13,403	3,371	25	393	2	-	4,998	37,775	
Celery		-	77	60	9	28	16	-	22,363	22,363	
Other fresh vegetables		3,907	9,187	9,869	10,989	2,380	2,814	1,918	-	-	190
Peanut meats		2,517	1,350	8,262	2,95	16,277	1,865	6,458	30,387	76,934	
Other nut meats		1,207	5,438	3,914	2,895	1,460	231	2,034	188	37,712	
Peanuts, in shell		-	198	500	190	2,179	-	2	13,284	30,651	
Other nuts, in shell		319	3,525	1,621	1,669	3,813	415	1,817	2	298	3,369
Fresh apples		123	826	322	41	217	22	40	1	13,673	26,887
Fresh pears		-	32	5	-	-	2	-	2,537	4,129	

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

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TABLE 17o. - Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, April 30, 1955 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:												
Cream (not including plastic) . . .	Pound	82	5,041	515	140	100	89	44	52	304	6,367	
Cream, plastic	do.	-	912	-	138	75	-	156	39	18	1,338	
Butter, creamery	do.	4,469	66,077	123,772	57,961	14,766	6,547	15,245	1,533	2,786	293,156	
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,331	106,100	192,637	78,402	34,454	27,719	9,997	3,449	12,041	466,130	
Cheese, Swiss including block . . .	do.	-	386	5,996	3,184	6	-	267	252	175	10,266	
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	1,106	6,441	9,892	2,673	525	355	1,289	229	621	23,131	
Eggs, shell	Case	22	175	570	206	46	25	37	21	75	1,177	
Eggs, frozen	Pound	2,054	18,165	24,340	94,357	5,313	5,562	8,808	644	5,291	124,534	
Eggs, dried	do.	21	457	471	1,182	259	-	38	1	21	2,450	
Poultry, frozen:												
Broilers	do.	84	490	417	522	322	164	431	17	341	2,788	
Fryers	do.	212	1,081	919	532	1,686	300	929	361	1,146	7,166	
Roasters	do.	378	1,667	296	312	80	61	53	24	425	3,296	
Fowls	do.	598	8,066	3,070	4,786	985	305	465	102	2,607	20,984	
Turkeys	do.	3,363	13,661	15,305	10,488	4,503	1,461	3,672	4,283	14,423	71,159	
Ducks	do.	172	2,583	630	168	227	13	108	12	119	4,032	
Miscellaneous	do.	288	2,018	1,408	1,175	202	107	131	125	1,071	6,525	
Unclassified	do.	63	201	3,807	785	1,741	792	777	831	2,624	12,321	
Total	do.	5,158	30,467	25,852	18,768	9,746	3,203	6,566	5,755	22,756	128,271	
Meats, meat products and fish:												
Beef, frozen	do.	10,333	16,234	34,157	20,471	4,069	5,711	9,809	3,020	18,293	122,755	
Veal, frozen	do.	1,005	2,544	3,244	1,228	626	1,363	1,574	179	964	11,729	
Pork, frozen	do.	11,333	28,288	133,791	161,175	14,863	11,846	16,224	5,347	17,034	399,901	
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	495	1,954	2,176	2,375	186	5	1,305	324	895	9,715	
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked . .	do.	48	1,752	2,864	2,603	280	20	148	47	490	8,352	
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured . .	do.	375	464	10,081	19,372	3,833	1,003	1,749	1,098	520	38,495	
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked . .	do.	1,237	6,555	22,384	53,815	4,930	903	4,093	2,035	7,338	103,290	
All edible offal	do.	926	4,739	17,027	21,770	1,811	2,375	1,872	1,379	2,546	54,435	
Sausage room products	do.	133	2,481	3,962	4,486	996	246	386	219	1,478	14,387	
Canned meats and meat products . .	do.	906	8,372	19,379	24,957	1,097	81	1,048	161	14,072	60,073	
Total	do.	27,341	73,483	249,055	312,252	32,793	22,553	38,208	13,817	53,630	823,132	
Hides and pelts	do.	14,909	239	35,368	30,335	2,020	375	3,207	1,648	1,780	89,881	
Fish, frozen	do.	30,974	30,140	15,471	8,205	5,616	7,203	1,801	1,097	(1) 22,338	122,845	

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

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